

FIRST EDITION

MERCANTILE WRECKS

More Heavy Failures in New York and Elsewhere—List of the Suspended Houses—The Bounty Bond Forgery Case.

A number of failures were reported yesterday in Wall street, New York, in addition to those already announced. The heavy fall in gold, with recent fluctuating speculations, is the cause of these gathering disasters.

EDGERTON & CO.

This firm has been identified with the carpet trade for many years, and has always stood high in the opinion of merchants. Mr. Lycurgus Edgerton, the senior member of the firm, in 1835 became a junior partner in the large dry goods house of John Stewart & Co.

HOWARD, COLE & CO.

Howard, Cole & Co., a very large dry goods house of Baltimore, has also been announced among the failures. Several extensive establishments in the same line in gold and heavy purchase of stock, are alleged as causes of the disaster.

ISAAC PROGER.

Isaac Proger, a large dry goods house at No. 189 Church street, also has suspended—perhaps failed. Various reasons, including the stagnation of trade, the loss in gold, and heavy purchase of stock, are alleged as causes of the disaster.

GEORGE WIGHT.

George Wight, proprietor of the Park Hotel, on the corner of Beekman and Nassau streets, is also named as one of the unfortunate. His liabilities are said to be very large.

RICHARD PATRICK & CO.

The firm of Richard Patrick & Co., a San Francisco house whose failure is also announced, has been in existence four years. It is alleged that the trouble and suspension have been caused by the loss in gold, and heavy purchase of stock, are alleged as causes of the disaster.

STILL THEY COME.

The following is a further list of failures:—Henry E. Legrain, dry goods, No. 729 Broadway, New York. James Beckwith, No. 524 West Forty-third street, New York. Bosworth, White & Belcher, millinery, No. 235 Canal street, New York.

THE GREAT MATTER.

It was rumored in New York yesterday that two detectives connected with a banking house in Wall street arrested Gray on Friday night, but that he bought them off by a check for \$400, which he found time to draw. It is asserted that the detectives had the check cashed, and did not inform the brokers of the case until late on Saturday, when Gray made his escape. It is said that other detectives have found a clue which implicates many persons of high standing in the community, but any information as to who those persons are cannot be ascertained.

DROWNED.

Shocking Catastrophe—Five Men Drowned in the Pacific River.

The Newark Advertiser of last evening has the particulars of a frightful drowning accident, which occurred on the Pacific river. The account of the accident is as follows:—One of the most shocking drowning accidents which it has fallen to our lot to record for a long period occurred to-day at the foot of Market street.

SEWARD IN MEXICO.

Speech of the Ex-Premier at Chepultepec—"Yankee Doodle" in the Halls of the Montezuma.

The grand event of Mr. Seward's visit to Mexico, thus far, has been the banquet at the Palace National, in the hall occupied by the Mexican Congress during its present session, which took place on the night of Saturday, the 11th. The invitations were issued by "El Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores," Senor Lerdo de Tejada, in the name of the President of the Republic, and addressed to every guest in a low but distinct and emphatic voice, as follows:—

President of the Republic of Mexico and Gentlemen:—In an assembly where I am surrounded by four hundred American guests, it is not surprising that you should be allowed me to engage attention is very short, and the words which I may say, however earnestly I might wish to do so, will be lost in the sentiments of a grateful nature no less than profound respect and loyal sympathy for this great assembly, and the illustrious guests who are seated around me. I do not think it necessary to say that I have been deeply and gratefully impressed by the noble and friendly welcome which I have received from the distinguished guests who have honored me by their presence here, for the first time standing among the ministers of Guntzburger, Potosi, and Real del Monte, and the various other distinguished guests who are seated around me. I do not think it necessary to say that I have been deeply and gratefully impressed by the noble and friendly welcome which I have received from the distinguished guests who have honored me by their presence here, for the first time standing among the ministers of Guntzburger, Potosi, and Real del Monte, and the various other distinguished guests who are seated around me.

THE CASE OF DR. SCHOEPP.

Recall of the Death Warrant.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 17.—The following is a copy of the document sent by Governor Geary to the Sheriff of Cumberland county recalling the death warrant which fixed the 22d instant as the day for the execution of Dr. Paul Schoeppe at Carlisle:—

FROM THE SOUTH.

The Election of Stevenson to the Senate.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 17.—Contrary to general expectation, hard work has secured the nomination and election of Governor Stevenson as successor to Senator Davis, whose term will expire in 1871. If Stevenson resigns his present position, Gov. H. P. Leslie, Speaker of the State Senate, will become ex-officio governor of the State, and this fact may have helped to decide the contest in Governor Stevenson's favor. He is a learned lawyer, and intellectually a very able man, but his enemies say, of a character too timid and negative to exercise any influence in the United States Senate.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Alaska Fur Sale.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The indications are that immediately after the holidays a great pressure will be brought to bear to push through what is known as the "Alaska fur sale." This bill, which was offered by Senator Cole last session, gives to a joint stock company the exclusive right to kill the fur seal on the islands adjacent to our Alaska possessions, for from a quarter of a million to three hundred thousand dollars per annum. Last year there were taken 60,000 skins from these islands, with an average market value of twenty-five dollars each, making a total value of a million and a half. This bill proposes to give for \$300,000. It will take remarkable cyphering to show that the Government will not lose at least a million per annum by the operation. It is said that other parties are willing to pay a price for the privilege of killing these seals.

FROM THE WEST.

Smuggled Diamonds.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The Special Inspector of Customs yesterday seized nearly \$4000 worth of diamonds and jewelry left for sale at an auction store by one Montgomery, who smuggled through \$12,000 worth from England in a false bottomed trunk. He had disposed of the rest.

FROM NEW YORK.

Explosion of a Retort—Gas Works Burned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A retort in the gas-house of the Dudley Observatory exploded about 7 o'clock last evening. Four barrels of coal tar, which was used in the manufacture of gas, and which was in the gas-house at the time, immediately took fire. The gas-house was entirely destroyed.

SECOND EDITION

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

Governor Geary's Recall of the Death Warrant of Dr. Schoeppe—Copy of the Document.

The New Kentucky Senator and How He was Elected—New England Railway Consolidation.

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FROM EUROPE.

This Morning's Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—11 A. M.—Consols for money, 92½; for account, 92½. American securities, 100; 5-20s of 1869, 100; 5-20s of 1870, 100; 10-40s, 82½; 10-40s, 82½; Illinois Central, 97½; Great Western, 96½.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Nid Prince-Judge Williams.

In the case of Richards vs. The Sewing Machine Co., before reported, the jury this morning came into the court to render their verdict. It is said that the plaintiff took a somewhat long time to deliver his verdict, and that the jury was in the court for some time before the verdict was rendered, and was in favor of the defendant.

U. S. District Court—Judge Cadwalader.

The United States vs. One still and other property claimed by James Atwell. An information of forfeiture was filed in the U. S. District Court at New York, on the 11th inst., in the case of the still and other property claimed by James Atwell. The case is yet on trial.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS—JUDGE FOXMAN.

Edward Buckley, a conveyancer of the Nineteenth ward, and Patrick Levy, policeman of the Eleventh ward, were tried before Judge Foxman on the 11th inst. On the part of the officer it was alleged that at 10 o'clock in the morning of November 23rd Buckley accused him of having committed a robbery on the 11th inst. Buckley was sworn and sworn to them for concealing their crime, and Buckley was sworn and sworn to them for concealing their crime, and Buckley was sworn and sworn to them for concealing their crime.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

OFFICE OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH, Friday, Dec. 17, 1869.

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The Gold Market is dull and again weak.

The Rates on Call Loans are very firm and fully averaged 7 per cent.

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange Sales.

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